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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SITUATION IN DAHOMEY

1. QUAI DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS REBEYROL TOLD VISITING AF/ DIRECTOR AGGREY MAY 16 THAT GOF OVER LAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS HAS BECOME SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT INTERNAL SITUATION IN DAHOMEY. WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC ABOUT LIKELY COURSE OF EVENTS, REBEYROL SINGLED OUT INTERIOR MINISTER AIKPE AS PERSON WHOM GOF WATCHING. REBEYROL CITED AKIPE' S LEFTIST TENDENCIES AND GROWING TIES BETWEEN DAHOMEY AND GUINIA AS SOURCES OF CURRENT FRENCH CONCERNS.

2. COMMENTING ON CURRENT STATE FRANCO- DAHOMEAN RELATIONS, REBEYROL SAID THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS. IN PRINCIPLE, DAHOMEANS HAD INDICATED THEY WISHED TO REVISE COOPERATION ACCORDS BUT AS YET NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD. FRANCE HAD NO MILITARY BASES AND WOULD NOT OBJECT EVEN IF DAHOMEY WISHED TO LEAVE FRANC ZONE. REBEYROL SAID HE THOUGHT THAT EXIT FROM FRANC ZONE WAS ONLY REMOTE POSSIBILITY AND COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONTEXT OF SOME KIND OF CLOSE DAHOMEAN- NIGERIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

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